

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 09/19/2012

Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Simon Szykman
FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Diana Hynek

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 08/16/2012

ACTION REQUESTED: Revision of a currently approved collection
TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular
ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201207-0648-006
AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:
TITLE: Permitting, Vessel Identification, and Reporting Requirements for the Pelagic Squid Jig Fishery in the Western Pacific Region
LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved with change
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0589

The agency is required to display the OMB Control Number and inform respondents of its legal significance in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.5(b).

EXPIRATION DATE: 09/30/2015

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	3,060	538	1,970
New	961	265	1,707
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	0	0	958
Change due to Agency Adjustment	-2,099	-273	-1,221
Change Due to Potential Violation of the PRA	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE:

OMB Authorizing Official: Kevin F. Neyland
Deputy Administrator,
Office Of Information And Regulatory Affairs

List of ICs

IC Title	Form No.	Form Name	CFR Citation
Squid Jig Permit Application and appeals	NA	Western Pacific Pelagic Squid Jig Permit Application	50 CFR 665
Squid Jig Logbooks	NA	Western Pacific Pelagic Squid Jig Logbook	50 CFR 665
Vessel Identification			50 CFR 665.16

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

1. Agency/Subagency originating request	2. OMB control number b. <input type="checkbox"/> None a. _____ - _____
3. Type of information collection (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> New Collection b. <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of a currently approved collection c. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of a currently approved collection d. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired e. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired f. <input type="checkbox"/> Existing collection in use without an OMB control number For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions	4. Type of review requested (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Regular submission b. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency - Approval requested by _____ / _____ / _____ c. <input type="checkbox"/> Delegated
7. Title	5. Small entities Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. Agency form number(s) (<i>if applicable</i>)	6. Requested expiration date a. <input type="checkbox"/> Three years from approval date b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: _____ / _____
9. Keywords	
10. Abstract	
11. Affected public (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"</i>) a. ___ Individuals or households d. ___ Farms b. ___ Business or other for-profit e. ___ Federal Government c. ___ Not-for-profit institutions f. ___ State, Local or Tribal Government	12. Obligation to respond (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary b. <input type="checkbox"/> Required to obtain or retain benefits c. <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden a. Number of respondents _____ b. Total annual responses _____ 1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically _____ % c. Total annual hours requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____	14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (<i>in thousands of dollars</i>) a. Total annualized capital/startup costs _____ b. Total annual costs (O&M) _____ c. Total annualized cost requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____
15. Purpose of information collection (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"</i>) a. ___ Application for benefits e. ___ Program planning or management b. ___ Program evaluation f. ___ Research c. ___ General purpose statistics g. ___ Regulatory or compliance d. ___ Audit	16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting (<i>check all that apply</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Recordkeeping b. <input type="checkbox"/> Third party disclosure c. <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting 1. <input type="checkbox"/> On occasion 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annually 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Annually 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Biennially 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____
17. Statistical methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission) Name: _____ Phone: _____

19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

NOTE: The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
 - (i) Why the information is being collected;
 - (ii) Use of information;
 - (iii) Burden estimate;
 - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
 - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
 - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee

Date

Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Line Office Chief Information Officer, head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or StaffOffice)

Signature

Date

Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer

Signature

Date

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT
PERMITTING, VESSEL IDENTIFICATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
FOR THE PELAGIC SQUID JIG FISHERY IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGION
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0589**

This request is for revision and extension of OMB Control No. 0648-0589.

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.

The [Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act](#) (Magnuson Act) established regional fishery management councils, including the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council), to develop fishery management (ecosystem) plans for fisheries in the U.S. exclusive economic zone (EEZ). These plans, if approved by the Secretary of Commerce, are implemented by Federal regulations, which are enforced by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries Office for Law Enforcement (OLE) and the United States Coast Guard (USCG), in cooperation with State agencies to the extent possible. The Fishery Ecosystem Plan for Pacific Pelagic Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region is intended to regulate fishing to ensure sustained productivity and achievement of optimum yield from the resources for the benefit of the United States. Applicable regulations are at [50 CFR 665](#).

Owners of squid jig fishing vessels greater than 50 ft (15.4 m) in length that fish for pelagic squid management unit species in Federal waters, or land pelagic squid management unit species in ports, of the western Pacific region must register their vessels to a valid Federal squid fishing permit issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). After the completion of each fishing trip, vessel operators must submit a NMFS squid fishing log report to NMFS, or an equivalent state report, for fishing in Federal waters, and a NMFS squid fishing log report for fishing on the high seas. These vessels must also carry a scientific observer if requested to do so by NMFS.

The information collected is used to document fishing activities and landings, to determine the condition of the stocks, to assess the effectiveness of management measures, to evaluate the benefits and costs of changes in management measures, and to monitor and respond to accidental takes of endangered and threatened species, including seabirds, sea turtles, and marine mammals.

Vessel owners are required to comply with Federal vessel identification requirements, at 50 CFR 665.16, intended to assist in aerial and at-sea enforcement of fishing regulations.

Revision: A \$32 fee is now required when applying for a squid jig permit.

2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used. If the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support information that will be disseminated to the public, then explain how the collection complies with all applicable Information Quality Guidelines.

Permits

Information is collected via a NMFS permit application process. Permits are valid for one calendar year and may be renewed annually. Information from the permit application form will allow NMFS to confirm the identity of the permit holder and applicant, and to determine whether the applicant qualifies for the permit. Vessel-related information such as vessel documentation or registration, ownership, managing ownership, etc., are used by NMFS to determine whether the applicant is an owner of a U.S. documented/registered vessel. The information may also be used by OLE, USCG, and the Council. Private information will not be disseminated to the public, and will be reported only in non-confidential or aggregate form.

Confidential or proprietary information is not disseminated to the public.

Logbooks

Vessel operators must submit completed logbook forms to NMFS within 72 hours after the end of each fishing trip. The logbooks provide the information needed by NMFS and the Council to regulate and monitor the fisheries managed under the FMP and to evaluate the effectiveness of management by assessing the status of stocks and the status of the fisheries. The information provides a basis for determining whether changes in management are needed to sustain the productivity of the stocks. The information is also used to provide the basis for evaluating the magnitude and distribution of impacts resulting from changes to the regulations.

The information will not be disseminated to the public except in non-confidential or aggregate form in summary and analytical reports. Any of the information that might be used to support publicly disseminated information would first be aggregated and/or summarized to maintain the confidentiality of the information pertaining to the individual vessels.

Vessel Identification

In the domestic western Pacific region fisheries regulated under 50 CFR Part 665, the vessel's official number is required to be displayed on the port and starboard sides of the deckhouse or hull, and on an appropriate weather deck. The markings identify the vessel and should be visible at distances at sea and in the air. Regulations in 50 CFR Part 665.16 specify the requirements for the vessel identification.

The identification number provides law enforcement personnel with a means to monitor fishing, at-sea processing, and other related activities, to ascertain whether the vessel's observed activities are in accordance with those authorized for that vessel.

Although the information collected (vessel identification number) is not confidential, it will not be disseminated to the public. The information is strictly for enforcement purpose or use by NMFS internally in situations involving damage, loss, and civil proceedings.

NMFS will retain control over the information and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with Federal law and regulations, and NOAA policies for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. See response to Question 10 of this Supporting Statement for more information on confidentiality and privacy. The information collection is designed to yield data that meet all applicable information quality guidelines. Prior to dissemination, the information will be subjected to quality control measures and a pre-dissemination review pursuant to [Section 515 of Public Law 106-554](#).

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.

Permits

At this time, the information will be collected on fillable Adobe Acrobat forms (downloadable from http://www.fpir.noaa.gov/SFD/SFD_permits_index.html) and does not require any knowledge of automated, electronic, mechanical or other forms of information technology. Applications may be mailed or faxed. Fee payment checks must be mailed.

Logbooks

At this time, the information will be collected on paper forms and does not require any knowledge of automated, electronic, mechanical or other forms of information technology.

Vessel Identification

Vessel identification is done manually.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

Permits

There is no similar Pelagics FMP squid permit requirement for U.S. vessels greater than 50 ft. in length overall that participate in the commercial Pacific pelagic squid fishery.

Logbooks

There is no similar comprehensive catch and effort reporting program for U.S. vessels greater than 50 ft. in length overall that participate in the Pacific pelagic squid fishery. There is an overlap between the reporting requirements (50 CFR 665.14) and those under the HSFCA (50 CFR 300.17). However, the duplication is eliminated by the provisions at 50 CFR 300.17(b)(3), which provides the necessary regulatory authority for NMFS to require squid jig fishermen to use Federal pelagic squid fishing logbooks to meet the reporting requirements of the HSFCA.

NMFS carefully considered whether there were collections by other Federal agencies or state or territorial agencies that might meet the information needs presented above. It was concluded that no other collections, besides the requested information, would meet these reporting requirements.

Vessel Identification

The information is not duplicative; it is a unique requirement for vessels registered to a Federal squid jig fishing permit in the western Pacific region.

5. If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe the methods used to minimize burden.

Most of the permittees in this information collection are small businesses.

Federal pelagic squid jig permit applications are available online to reduce the burden of time spent applying or ordering by mail. Applications may be downloaded, printed, and then mailed or faxed to NMFS. Permits will be issued by NMFS and delivered via U.S. mail.

Logbook and instructions are provided by NMFS via U.S. mail with issued Federal squid jig permits to reduce time spent obtaining forms via an office visit. A representative at the Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center in Honolulu may be contacted in writing by email, fax, or mail to answer questions about filling out the logsheets.

Vessel identification instructions provided by NMFS are straightforward and the task of applying the identification marks is simple to minimize the burden of meeting the requirements.

The minimum information is collected to comply with the regulations and to administer the program effectively.

6. Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.

Permits

Without this collection or if it is collected less frequently, NMFS would be unable to properly evaluate activity, participation, and reporting compliance in the Pacific pelagic commercial squid fishery. It would be difficult to monitor the fisheries and their participants, determine entry and exit patterns, and provide information needed to ensure full impact analysis for fisheries management programs. Without this information enforcement agents would not be able to identify current fishery participants for compliance monitoring purposes and NMFS would be unable to consult with permit holders on regulatory changes.

Logbooks

Without the logbook information, NMFS and the Council would be unable to determine whether management is achieving the objectives of the FMP and the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Information from the logbooks is used by fishery and enforcement officials of NMFS and USCG to monitor compliance with fishing regulations and reporting requirements.

Vessel Identification

Vessel identification and verification of activity via air and surface patrol would be difficult for enforcement agencies.

7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.

None.

8. Provide information on the PRA *Federal Register* Notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.

A Federal Register Notice (77 FR 16209), published on March 20, 2012, solicited public comments on this submission. No substantive comments relating to the collection of information were received.

9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

No payments or gifts are provided

10. Describe any assurance or confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

As stated on the forms, under Section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, amended in 2006, and [NOAA Administrative Order 216-100](#), information submitted in accordance with regulatory requirements under the Act is confidential. This includes personal and proprietary information contained in the permits and logbooks.

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

No questions are asked of a sensitive nature.

12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.

Permits

NMFS expects to receive and process up to 30 applications for pelagic squid jig permits each year. Applicants are expected to spend 30 minutes completing or renewing the application. Thus, the total collection-of-information burden to fishermen for permit applications is estimated at 15 hours per year. A permit appeal is estimated to take two hours (one appeal is expected per year).

Logbooks

NMFS estimates that the time requirement for completing the NMFS pelagic squid jig logbook reports to be approximately 15 minutes per vessel per fishing day. Assuming that 30 vessels make 30 trips per year, the program would generate up to 900 daily fishing logbooks per year. Thus, the total burden estimate for fishing data reporting is estimated at 225 hours per year.

Total number of logbook reports: 30 vessels x 30 trips = 900 per year
Total logbook hours: 900 logbooks x 15 min per logbook = 225 hours per year

Vessel Identification

For the vessel identification requirements, the burden is estimated at 45 minutes to paint each vessel. Assuming 30 vessels are active, the total collection-of-information burden estimate is 22.5 (23) hours.

Summary of Responses and Burden

Total Responses: 30 applications + 1 appeal + 900 logbook forms + 30 markings = 961 responses

Total Burden Hours: 15 + 2 + 225 + 23 = 265 hours

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection (excluding the value of the burden hours in Question 12 above).

Permits, Appeals and Logbooks

The maximum estimated cost to respondents for postage, faxes, copies, etc., related to this collection is \$447 per year, or about \$.48 per response.

For permits, there is also a \$32 fee, for a total of 30 x \$32, or \$960.

Vessel Identification

For the vessel identification requirements, the burden is estimated at about \$10 for paint and supplies to paint each vessel. Assuming 30 large squid jig fishing vessels are active, the total burden estimate is \$300.

Total cost: \$447 + \$960 + \$300 = \$1,707.

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.

Permits and Logbooks

The estimated annual cost to the Federal government to administer this collection of information is \$4,980. This includes the cost to process permit applications and issue permits **at \$300 per year** (30 permits x 30 min/permit x \$20/hr), printing daily catch and effort logsheet forms **at \$180 per year** (900 logsheets x \$0.20 per sheet), and processing of log forms **at \$4,500** per year, which is calculated by the cost of staff time for receiving and entering logsheet form data (900 logsheets x 15 min/logsheet x \$20/hr).

Appeals

These are very rare and there is no current estimate for processing and review time.

Vessel Identification

No cost.

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments.

Program change: A \$32 permit application fee was added since the last request for this information collection. This adds \$960.

Adjustments: The estimated number of trips and logbook responses was reduced from 3,000 to 900, and related burden hours, from 500 to 225, based on current information. The estimated costs for logbook copying and submission were reduced from \$1,653 to \$432.

16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.

No formal scientific publications based on these collections are planned at this time. NMFS and the Council will use the data (primarily in an aggregated, non-confidential format) for developing management reports and fishery management plan amendments and evaluations. However, subsequent use of the data collected over a series of years may include scientific papers and publications.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.

Not Applicable.

18. Explain each exception to the certification.

Not Applicable.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

No statistical methods are employed.

**NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
Pacific Islands Region**

WESTERN PACIFIC DAILY SQUID JIG FISHING LOG

VESSEL NAME _____ PERMIT NUMBER: _____
 Date of Departure from Port (mm/dd/yyyy): ____/____/____ Departure Port: _____
 Date of Return to Port (mm/dd/yyyy): ____/____/____ Landing Port: _____

FISHING OPERATION INFORMATION

Observer on Board (check if yes): []

TARGET SPECIES = _____	Surface Temperature (C): _____	Number of crew: _____
AREA FISHED: _____	CATCHER/PROCESSOR (check if yes): [<input type="checkbox"/>]	
DATE FISHED-START (mm/dd/yy): ____/____/____	DATE FISHED-END (mm/dd/yy): ____/____/____	
TIME STARTED FISHING (24 hour clock): _____	TIME END FISHING (24 hour clock): _____	
BEGIN FISHING LOCATION:	Position: _____° _____' N/S Latitude; _____° _____' E/W Longitude	
END FISHING LOCATION:	Position: _____° _____' N/S Latitude; _____° _____' E/W Longitude	
Depth fished day (meters) = _____	Number of jig stations = _____	Number of hooks/jigs per station = _____
Depth fished night (meters) = _____	Number of jig stations = _____	Number of hooks/jigs per station = _____
Other gear used (describe): _____		

CATCH INFORMATION (num kept+num released=total catch, num released alive+num released dead=total released)

Species Name	SPECIES KEPT (retained)		SPECIES RELEASED	
	Number kept	Estimated total weight kept (lb or kg)	Number Released alive	Number Released dead
Neon Flying Squid <i>(Ommastrephes bartramii)</i>				
Purple Flying Squid <i>(Sthenoteuthis oualaniensis)</i>				
Diamondback Squid <i>(Thysanoteuthis rhombus)</i>				
Other Squid (specify)				
Other Squid (specify)				
Blue shark				
Other species (specify)				

PROTECTED SPECIES INFORMATION

Species	Number released			Species	Number released		
	Uninjured	Injured	Dead		Uninjured	Injured	Dead
Monk Seal				Green Turtle			
Dolphin/Porpoise				Leatherback Turtle			
Whale (specify)				Loggerhead Turtle			
Laysan Albatross				Olive Ridley Turtle			
Black-footed Albatross				Unidentified Hardshell Turtle			
Short-tailed Albatross				Other species (specify)			
Unidentified Bird							

I certify that the above information is complete and true to the best of my knowledge:

VESSEL CAPTAIN/OPERATOR: Print name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail log to: NMFS Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center, ATTN: FMAP, 2570 Dole St., Honolulu, HI 96822

Instructions - WESTERN PACIFIC DAILY SQUID FISHING LOG

VESSELNAME: Enter name of vessel.

PERMIT NUMBER: Enter squid fishing permit number (vessel's Official Number)

DATE OF DEPARTURE FROM PORT(mm/dd/yyyy): Enter date vessel left port (month/day/year).

DEPARTURE PORT: Enter port of departure.

DATE OF RETURN TO PORT (mm/dd/yyyy): Enter date vessel returned to port (month/day/year).

LANDING PORT: Enter port of return.

OBSERVER ON BOARD: Check (✓) if observer on board.

TARGET SPECIES: Enter the name of the species targeted.

SEA SURFACE TEMP(C): Enter the sea surface temperature in degrees centigrade.

NUMBER OF CREW: Enter the number of crew including the captain.

DATE FISHED-start/end: Enter start and end date (month/day/year) of **daily** fishing activity.

AREA FISHED: Enter name of area fished.

TIME STARTED/ENDED FISHING (24 hour clock): Enter the time (using 24 hour clock - Local Time) the **daily** fishing activity started and ended.

BEGIN FISHING LOCATION: Enter latitude and longitude. Use degree ° and minute ' ; circle N for north or S for south latitude; circle W for west or E for east longitude, as appropriate.

END FISHING LOCATION: Enter latitude and longitude. Use degree ° and minute ' ; circle N for north or S for south latitude; circle W for west or E for east longitude, as appropriate.

DEPTH FISHED DAY(m):
DEPTH FISHED NIGHT(m): Enter the depth (in meters) fished during the day time hours and the night time hours.

NUMBER OF JIG STATIONS FISHED(day/night): Total number of jigging stations fished during the day and total number of jigging stations fished at night.

NUMBER OF HOOKS/JIGS PER STATION(day/night): Enter the number of hooks or jigs used per station during the day and the number of hooks or jigs used per station at night.

OTHER GEAR USED (describe): Enter description of any other gear used.

CATCH INFORMATION: Number kept + number released = total catch.
Species released = number released alive + number released dead (=bycatch).

NUMBER KEPT: Enter the number Kept for each species. Note: No tally column is provided in this logsheet. Please enter only the numbers of individuals Kept.

ESTIMATED TOTAL WEIGHT KEPT: Estimate to the best of your ability the cumulative weight in pounds or kilograms by species of the associated number listed in the kept column. **Indicate weight measure by circling lb or kg.**

NUMBER RELEASED ALIVE: Enter the numbers released alive by species. Injured organisms that are believed to be able to survive should be included in this count.

NUMBER RELEASED DEAD: Enter the numbers released dead by species. Injured organisms that do not look like they will survive should be included in this count.

PROTECTED SPECIES INFORMATION: Enter the numbers of protected species released uninjured, injured, or dead.

VESSEL CAPTAIN/ OPERATOR: Print name and provide signature of the captain/operator.

DATE: Enter date (month/day/year) when the log sheet was "completed and signed" by the vessel captain/operator.

- **The Vessel Captain must record catch and effort information in the logbook within 24 hours of completing the daily fishing effort.**
- **The Vessel Captain must submit completed logbook sheets to the National Marine Fisheries Service within 72 hours following his or her return to port after each trip.**

Please mail log to: NMFS Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center
ATTN: FMAP
2570 Dole Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822-2396

For further information, call: Phone: (808) 983-5325

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PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT INFORMATION

Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as follows: 15 minutes for the WP squid jig fishing log. The burden includes time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspects of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Administrator, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd. Suite 1110, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-4700.

This information is being collected to ensure accurate and timely records about the persons licensed to participate in fisheries under Federal regulations in the Western Pacific Region. This will enable NMFS and the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council to (a) determine who would be affected by changes in management; (b) inform license holders of changes in fishery regulations; and (c) determine whether the objectives of the fishery program are being achieved by monitoring entry and exit patterns and other aspects of the fisheries. The information is used in analyzing and evaluating the potential impacts of regulatory changes on persons in the regulated fisheries as well as in related fisheries. Responses to the collection are required to obtain the benefit of a license for the fishery involved (ref. 50 CFR 665.13). Data provided concerning the vessel and/or business of the respondents are handled as confidential under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Sec. 402(b)). Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.



FEDERAL FISHERIES PERMIT APPLICATION FORM
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
 NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
 NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

OMB Control No: 0648-0589
 Expiration Date: 08/31/2012

PACIFIC ISLANDS REGION

2012

Mail or deliver this application to:

NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office
 ATTN: Permits
 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110
 Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-4733
 Tel: (808) 944-2200; FAX: (808) 973-2940

WESTERN PACIFIC PELAGIC SQUID JIG PERMIT

Pelagic Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region

Please Print Legibly. Items marked with * are required. Please fill in other items as completely as possible. Note required documents at bottom of page.

*VESSEL NAME: _____ *VESSEL OFFICIAL NO: _____
 (USCG or State number)

*VESSEL LENGTH OVERALL: _____ (feet) RADIO CALL SIGN: _____

*VESSEL OWNER: _____ Taxpayer Identification Number
 First, Middle, & Last Name or Business Name (If a business owns the vessel)

*DATE OF BIRTH OR INCORPORATION (business): _____

Privacy Act Statement: Federal Regulations (at 50 CFR Part 665) authorize collection of this information. This information is used to verify the identity of the applicant(s) and to accurately retrieve confidential records related to federal commercial fishery permits. The primary purpose for requesting the TIN is for the collection and reporting on any delinquent amounts arising of such person's relationship with the government pursuant to the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-134). Personal information is confidential and protected under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a). Business information may be disclosed to the public.

*BUSINESS CONTACT: _____ /TITLE: _____
 (First, Middle, & Last Name, if not same as vessel owner) (corporate officer, business owner, partner)

*BUSINESS MAILING ADDRESS: _____ Street/PO Box City State ZIP Code

*BUSINESS PHONE (____) _____; CELL PHONE (____) _____ FAX (____) _____

EMAIL: _____

*APPLICANT: _____ *DATE: _____
 Printed Name and Signature of Person Submitting Application

*APPLICANT TITLE: Vessel owner, Permit holder, Corporate officer or partner, Designated agent, or Other _____
 (Check only one)

*Application is for a new permit? ___ or a renewal? ___

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: You must submit the following with the application form:

- 1) A copy of the vessel's current U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Documentation (documented vessel) or registration certificate from a state/territorial agency (undocumented vessel) showing the current vessel owner,
- 2) Payment by check for the non-refundable application processing fee of **\$27.00**, payable to Department of Commerce, NOAA, and
- 3) A signed letter from the permit holder authorizing the applicant as the agent, if the applicant is acting as an agent for the vessel owner.

It is prohibited to file false information on any application for a fishing permit (50 CFR § 665.15(b)).

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT INFORMATION

Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as follows: 30 minutes for the WP pelagic squid jig permit application and 2 hours for all permit denial appeals. Each burden includes time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspects of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Administrator, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd. Suite 1110, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-4700.

This information is being collected to ensure accurate and timely records about the persons licensed to participate in fisheries under Federal regulations in the Western Pacific Region. This will enable NMFS and the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council to (a) determine who would be affected by changes in management; (b) inform license holders of changes in fishery regulations; and (c) determine whether the objectives of the fishery program are being achieved by monitoring entry and exit patterns and other aspects of the fisheries. The information is used in analyzing and evaluating the potential impacts of regulatory changes on persons in the regulated fisheries as well as in related fisheries. Responses to the collection are required to obtain the benefit of a license for the fishery involved (ref. 50 CFR 665.13). Data provided concerning the vessel and/or business of the respondents are handled as confidential under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Sec. 402(b)). Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Tilefish Individual Fishing Quota Program**

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 21, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Jason Berthiaume, 978-281-9177, or Jason.Berthiaume@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

This request is for extension of a current information collection.

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Northeast Region manages the tilefish fishery of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the Northeastern United States, through the Tilefish Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council prepared the FMP pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). The regulations implementing the FMP are specified at 50 CFR part 648 subpart N.

The recordkeeping and reporting requirements at § 648.294 form the basis for this collection of information. NMFS requests information from tilefish individual fishing quota (IFQ) permit holders in order to process applications to ensure that IFQ allocation owners are provided a statement of their annual catch quota, and for enforcement purposes, to ensure vessels are not exceeding an individual quota allocation. In conjunction with the application, NMFS also collects IFQ

share accumulation information to ensure that an IFQ limited access privilege holder does not acquire an excessive share of the total limited access privileges, as required by section 303A(c)(5)(D) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

NMFS requests transfer application information to process and track requests from allocation holders to transfer quota allocation (permanent and temporary) to another entity. NMFS also collects information for cost recovery purposes as required under the Magnuson-Stevens Act to collect fees to recover the costs directly related to management, data collection and analysis, and enforcement of IFQ programs. Lastly, NMFS collects landings information to ensure that the amounts of tilefish landed and ex-vessel prices are properly recorded for quota monitoring purposes and the calculation of IFQ fees, respectively. Having this information results in an increasingly more efficient and accurate database for management and monitoring of fisheries of the Northeastern U.S. EEZ.

II. Method of Collection

The IFQ Allocation permit application, IFQ ownership cap form, and the IFQ transfer form are all paper applications. These applications can be filled out online, but must be printed and signed to complete. The IFQ cost recovery process is entirely online at www.pay.gov and the IFQ reporting requirements are completed through a phone call to NMFS interactive voice response phone line.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0590.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 79.

Estimated Time per Response: IFQ Allocation Permit Application, 30 minutes; IFQ Ownership Cap Form, 5 minutes; IFQ Transfer Form, 5 minutes; IFQ Cost Recovery, 2 hours; IFQ Reporting Requirements, 2 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 53.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$23.48.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have

practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 14, 2012.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Permitting, Vessel Identification, and Reporting Requirements for the Pelagic Squid Jig Fishery in the Western Pacific Region**

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 21, 2012.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Walter Ikehara, (808) 944-2275 or Walter.Ikehara@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection.

Federal regulations at Title 50, Part 665, of the Code of Federal Regulations require that owners of vessels fishing for, or landing, pelagic squid in the western Pacific region obtain a permit from NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). In addition, the regulations require vessel operators to report fishing activity and harvest on daily logbooks and mark their vessels for identification.

The information collected is used to identify participants in the fishery, document fishing activities and landings, determine the conditions of the stocks, assess the effectiveness of management measures, evaluate the benefits and costs of changes in management measures, and monitor and respond to accidental takes of protected species, including seabirds, turtles, and marine mammals.

Vessel owners must identify their vessels to assist in aerial and at-sea enforcement of fishing regulations.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents have a choice of either electronic or paper forms. Methods of submittal include email of electronic forms, and mail and facsimile transmission of paper forms.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0589.
Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a currently approved collection).

Affected Public: Individuals; Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30.

Estimated Time per Response: Permit applications, 30 minutes; permit appeal, 2 hours; logbooks, 15 minutes; vessel identification, 45 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 265 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$765 in mailing/reporting/identification costs.

IV. Request for Comments

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Dated: March 15, 2012.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Tilefish Individual Fishing Quota Program

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III. Data

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Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).